

Quiz 34-1: The semicolon and the comma

Edit the following sentences to correct errors in the use of the semicolon and the comma. Do not change correct sentences. Example:

Butter will not ease the pain of a burn or improve healing[;] in fact, butter traps heat and moisture in the skin.[^]

1. The Anglo-American row house achieved its definitive form in seventeenth-century London and was the product of specific social conditions, above all, it was created to meet the needs of an increasingly affluent middle class.
2. When Chao Neng joined the police force in 1995; he had no idea how hard it would be to bury a fellow officer.
3. It is one thing to be able to read a foreign language with ease, it is quite another to speak it fluently.
4. The hills above the city were deforested, so eroded soil washed into the rivers and silted up the city's harbors.
5. Many people believe that ferrets are vicious little rodents, in fact, ferrets are affectionate animals that tend to bite only out of fear.
6. To my companions, the painting's technique transcended the subject matter, to me it was nothing more than a painting of an old shoe.
7. Culinary experts tend to frown on microwave cooking; which hardens bread and turns the tenderest cuts of meat to rubber.
8. We knew that the river road might be flooded, therefore we decided to take the longer route through the mountains.

9. DeafREACH runs a group home, which prepares residents to live independently; a daytime activity center, where walk-in clients receive job training; and a community service center, which provides counseling and legal representation.
10. The twentieth century has seen a bewildering succession of popular dance styles; such as the Charleston, the tango, the jitterbug, the Watusi, the twist, and the frug.